

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/720,791 filed on December 29, 2000 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/720,791 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/03513 filed on June 30, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application Nos. 10-187056 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 and 10-187057 filed in Japan on July 2, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 45, line 21, as follows:

(6) ~~CAOS~~CHAOS processing module (module name: CHAOS~~CAOS~~)

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 45, line 22, as follows:

The pixel value of the image data with the specified ID is altered by the function set below and then transferred to image

memory 307, whereby display is effected at LCD 308. This ~~CAOS~~CHAOS process will be described in detail hereinafter.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 46, line 13, as follows:

In producing image data, it is assumed that bit inversion is carried out on the original image with the foregoing ~~CAOS~~CHAOS function and parameter, and then compressed to be recorded in the encoded contents as encoded image data. If the encoded contents are simply decoded, an image modified by the ~~CAOS~~CHAOS function will be displayed at LCD 308. Therefore, the proper image will not be displayed. By applying the foregoing ~~CAOS~~CHAOS process after the encoded contents have been decoded, the proper image can be displayed at LCD 308. By actuating the ~~CAOS~~CHAOS processing module only when there is a contents key in the module, a viewer 101 absent of the contents key cannot display the proper image.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 46, line 23, as follows:

A process may be carried out by defining a processing module using a random number function RAND, for example, instead of the ~~CAOS~~CHAOS function. Although the picture quality of the displayed image and the size of the processing module differ in this case, an effect similar to that using the ~~CAOS~~CHAOS function can be

obtained. Although description has been provided as to a process of mixing/removing noise with respect to the image data by CHAOSCAOS, the noise mixture/removal by the CHAOSCAOS can be carried out similarly for other modules.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 48, line 20, as follows:

(Step 3)

By processing module 706, the MODULE module process is executed. Since there is a contents key 3 in viewer 101 (refer to Fig. 13), the encoded processing module is decoded, a processing module name CAOSCHAOS is assigned, and loaded into RAM 02. Since this processing module may not be loaded properly depending upon the user's charge account status as in step 2, there is a case where a process using the CHAOSCAOS processing module may not be executed in the subsequent processes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 50, line 20, as follows:

By processing module 706, the CHAOSCAOS module process is executed on the preloaded image with image data ID "2" in RAM 302. Since there is a contents key 3 in viewer 101, a proper image is displayed at LCD 308 even in the case where the relevant image data is subjected to an image process with the CHAOSCAOS function. A

similar process is executed thereafter according to the encoded contents.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 54, line 9, as follows:

(2) Information indicating that a process is applied during reproduction when the user ID does not match. When this process is carried out, the reproduction processing method of any of the above-described blurring process by the BLUR process, the noise mixture process by the CHAOS process, or overwriting the displayed contents with the predetermined pattern is specified.